



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**AMENDMENT D AND  
PETITION FOR EXTENSION**

APPLICANT: Heinfried Hoffmann, et al.      DOCKET NO: P04,0153  
SERIAL NO.: 10/840,114      ART UNIT: 2857  
FILED: May 6, 2004      EXAMINER: Baran, Mary C.  
CONF. NO.: 7271  
TITLE: METHOD AND DEVICE TO TEST THE OPERATION SAFETY OF  
A PROCESS CONTROL DEVICE

5 Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

10 Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner for Patents for a one-month extension of time for responding to the Office Action dated July 27, 2006, and are enclosing a check for the \$120.00 government fee so that the period of response is extended from October 27, 2006, to November 27, 2006.

15 In response to the Office Action dated July 27, 2006 ("OA"), please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.